The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Booth, Pearson, Thornton, Jackson, Sylvester, Blackburn, Richard and Burlingame. Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioner Walker were absent from the hearing. Also present was Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Deputy Director Carol Marsella.

The following cases were heard.

The Board heard a request for an interpretation from the Union Fire District Fire Marshal's Office regarding the inspection of hood and duct systems in establishments open for business on a seasonal basis only. It was determined that the Board would consider this its next meeting a **Statewide** Blanket request at as Variance/Interpretation rather than being applicable to Kingston specifically.

APPEAL #130183: Mr. John M. Erice, for the property located at 16 Cleveland Street, North Providence. Deputy State Fire Marshal Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office and Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal David DiChiara appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to approve the Applicant's request to be able to maintain the existing occupant

load calculated at 117 people with the existing tables and chairs, and to approve previously granted variances in file number 050902. The motion was unanimous.

Director Dennis J. Rebelo appeared for the Pawtucket School Department, for the following schools.

APPEAL #130167: 60 South Bend Street, Pawtucket, (Agnes Little School).

APPEAL #130168: 973 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket, (Potter Burns School).

APPEAL #130169: 485 East Avenue, Pawtucket, (Shea High School).

APPEAL #130170: 974 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket, (Goff Junior High School).

APPEAL #130171: 350 Division Street, Pawtucket, Jenks Junior High School/Jacqueline Walsh School of Art).

APPEAL #130172: 62 Lincoln Avenue, Pawtucket, Fallon Elementary School).

APPEAL #130173: 281 Mineral Spring Avenue, Pawtucket, (Slater Junior High School).

APPEAL #130174: 40 Baldwin Street, Pawtucket, (Cunningham School).

APPEAL #130175: 582 Benefit Street, Pawtucket, (Flora Curtis School).

APPEAL #130176: 486 Pleasant Street, Pawtucket, (Varieur Elementary School).

APPEAL #130177: 150 Exchange Street, Pawtucket, (Tolman High School).

Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal John Dolan appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Pearson and Thornton, to accept the Applicant's plan of action for the correction of the deficiencies at the above schools, with the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office having the ability to extend the timelines agreed upon for good faith efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant. The motion passed with Commissioner Booth abstaining from the vote.

APPEAL #100315: Mr. Jason Palermo, for the property located at 20 Wheldon Avenue, East Providence. Deputy State Fire Marshal Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office, and informed the Board that the cited apartment units in this facility are

no longer occupied as Residential Board and Care units.

Accordingly, the inspection report for this occupancy is moot.

Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to close the file. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100329: Mr. Jason Palermo, for the property located at 343 Simmonsville Avenue, Johnston. Deputy State Fire Marshal Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. It was determined that this facility should be reinspected by the State Fire Marshal's Office and the parties should return to the Board on 12-3-13.

Respectfully submitted,

**Carol Marsella** 

**Deputy Director**